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Mr. A. A. Evans,

District Superintendent

Dear Sir. I have just returned from a trip to Buckland Selavich Squirrel River, Oixer & Kotzebue. I found several sick but in all the villages the people reported having had more sickness a few weeks earlier. There has been a general run of laryngi among the people not very severe in most though with a few at Squirrel River it proved fatal, three deaths. We had the same trouble here just before I started Nov. 28. I am following your suggestion to make two trips if possible though I do not know whether I can or not on my allowance. I am allowed but \$200.00. for traveling expenses & \$30.00 of that was used in going to Kotzebue in the summer so I really have little more than $\frac{1}{2}$ what I had last ^{year} but will do the best I can. I have used my check. (if you will allow the slang please) and saved my check, in a few instances I do not like the business - but by so doing I may make the two trips alright. I may use reindeer next trip. I must continue to travel differently or quit. I have wondered if I might have a position as teacher here instead the one I have (at the same wages ~~\$325~~) you said

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you would not give the place to a single lady again
so a man or man & wife must be here. I wondered if I
could be teacher. I haven't a teachers certificate.. have
studied normal school 1 year & an academy two years
but of course that does not specially qualify one for teaching.
however I feel certain I can do the work, would now if my wife ^{would consent}

He had thought we would certainly go outside but if
there is work here we should do I dislike to go off
and leave it, I would not be in the least disturbed
with any turn that might be taken - only I would
like to know early so as to know how to plan
man known does not want the school another year

If you could give me an early answer I would
consider it a great favor. Then I could send word
out-side. Perhaps I should have written sooner but when
there was sickness in the family the thought of staying was
not tolerated a moment; but when all is well we feel
differently & hesitate to leave a field where we think we
may possibly do some good.

I put on another application. Mrs. Hawkesworth wanted me to put on
two. I wish I had not put one on however for the mission has but
140 deer and the law ^{does not require} two until after 150. are owned
I have no contracts for the boy, will you please send some